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**EARLY MORNING ROUND-UP NETS SUSPECTS IN**  
**OPERATION "BAHAMA BREEZE"**

This morning dozens of federal, state and local law enforcement agents fanned out throughout the New Port Richey area of Pasco County looking for two dozen suspects indicted on federal drug charges. Operation "Bahama Breeze" began in August of 2002 when law enforcement officers began looking at the drug trafficking of both powdered and crack cocaine in Pinellas and Pasco County. The initial investigation centered around the activity of JOSEPH SCHAEFER, age 24, and MICHAEL ARLINE, age 24, both of New Port Richey. Further investigation identified several other suspects who were allegedly involved in assisting SCHAEFER and ARLINE in the transportation and distribution of cocaine. All 24 individuals indicted face a minimum of 10 years' imprisonment and up to life imprisonment. (See Attachment for names and charges).

The following agencies assisted in this two year investigation:

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

New Port Richey Police Department

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

Hernando County Sheriff's Office

Tampa Police Department

Lakeland Police Department

Clearwater Police Department

Zephyrhills Police Department

An Indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Pamela Cothran.

# OPERATION BAHAMA BREEZE

Name	DOB	Address
JOSEPH SCHAEFER	03/25/1979	7451 MULLIGAN COURT PORT RICHEY, FL
RYAN FERRO	10/06/1980	7449 CULVER LANE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
ZEBULON CANN	09/25/1980	9130 MAYNARD AVENUE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
MICHAEL KICAK	01/29/1981	3414 MONTE RIO STREET NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
JAMES CONNORS	12/31/1978	7451 MULLIGAN COURT PORT RICHEY, FL
CHRISTOPHER SCHAEFER	07/08/1955	7451 MULLIGAN COURT PORT RICHEY, FL
JASON VAUGHN	08/15/1965	1145 CURLEW ROAD DUNEDIN, FL
GLEN LAND	04/29/1981	9900 LEGUNA STREET NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
CAMERON JONES	06/01/1982	8035 EACON COURT BOYONET POINT, FL

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Name	DOB	Address
KEVIN NEMES	12/03/1981	4123 VISTAVERDE DRIVE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
JEFF STRIANO	01/05/1985	7406 ROYAL CRESCENT PORT RICHEY, FL
DINA COBB	11/15/1983	7451 MULLIGAN COURT PORT RICHEY, FL
MICHAEL CURON ARLINE	08/19/1978	7546 SEQUOIA DRIVE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
JEREMIE MALVOISIN	12/13/1979	6721 MOSS DRIVE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
GENEVA G. ELLWOOD	12/03/1962	13215 WAGNER DRIVE HUDSON, FL
EMMANUEL JONES	06/09/1976	8229 OAK LEAF AVENUE PORT RICHEY, FL
ROBERT DUNN	08/29/1977	6245 CENTRAL AVENUE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
BRENT CLARKE	06/21/1981	9420 LEDGESTONE LANE PORT RICHEY, FL

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Name	DOB	Address
ROBERT FITZ	07/20/1971	12807 TINLEY ROAD NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
THOMAS HEROLD	08/26/1975	11933 MARYLOU DRIVE HUDSON, FL
KEVIN APPLEFIELD	08/28/1977	9602 GENE STREET HUDSON, FL
DANIEL KELLEHER	06/06/1980	10524 PINTO DRIVE HUDSON, FL
JILLENE KLEPSE	02/23/1981	3230 CARLSBAD AVENUE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
DESIREE MARISSA EVANS	02/12/1983	7546 SEQUOIA DRIVE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL

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## **FEDERAL PENALTIES**

- If convicted, the penalty for distribution of “crack” cocaine is up to 20 years’ imprisonment
- If convicted, the penalty for conspiracy to distribute “crack” cocaine is up to 20 years’ imprisonment
  - If convicted, the penalty for distribution of five (5) grams or more of “crack” cocaine is a minimum of 5 years’, up to a maximum of 40 years’ imprisonment
- If convicted, the penalty for conspiracy to distribute five (5) grams or more of “crack” cocaine is a minimum of 5 years’, up to a maximum of 40 years’ imprisonment
- If convicted, the penalty for conspiracy to distribute fifty (50) grams or more of “crack” cocaine is a mandatory minimum of 10 years’, up to a maximum of life imprisonment